October so far

27 October - This October looks set to be one of the warmest on record in the UK, according to provisional Met Office climate figures.

Using figures from 1-25 October, so far parts of the country have seen temperatures up to 3.1 °C warmer than the 10.2 °C long-term average for the month.

The UK average temperature for this October is currently 11.5 °C, making it the seventh warmest in records which go back to 1910. This compares to the 2001 record which saw an average temperature of 12.2 °C.

There are still five days to go before the end of the month, but temperatures are expected to continue to be relatively mild through to the start of November.

The month started with exceptionally warm temperatures for the time of year. Gravesend in Kent saw 29.9 °C on 1 October, a new record for the UK and England specifically. Wales also broke its October temperature record on the same day, with Hawarden in Flintshire registering 28.2 °C.

Since then, despite a few periods of cooler weather, the majority of the month has seen mild day and night-time temperatures.

The month has also seen some marked variations in rainfall. England and Wales have, so far, had just over half of their usual monthly rainfall. Northern Ireland, however, has had 163% of its usual monthly total.

Sunshine amounts are also similarly marked across the UK. England has just already hit its monthly average total, whereas Northern Ireland currently has received only 34% of its usual amount.

Location	Average temperature for October		Average rainfall for October	
	Actual (°C)	Difference from 1971 to 2000 average (°C)	Actual (mm)	Percentage of 1971 to 2000 average
UK	11.5 °C	2.1 °C	97.6 mm	83%
England	12.7 °C	2.2 °C	46.9 mm	56%
Northern Ireland	10.8 °C	1.8 °C	187.2 mm	163%
Scotland	9.5 °C	1.9 °C	169.6 mm	104%
Wales	12.2 °C	2.7 °C	82.5 mm	54%

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